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**Rhode Island Builders Association (RIBA) receives
NASCLA's "Community Service in Contracting" Award**

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) is pleased to announce that the Rhode Island Builders Association is the winner of the 2006 *Community Service in Contracting Award*.

This national award was created as a way for NASCLA and its many members to recognize the positive impact that contractor and construction related associations have on their communities. All too often homeowners and consumers hear the "bad" stories about contractors. With this award, NASCLA showcases the countless hours and efforts that contractors and construction related associations make by raising funds, contributing time, labor and materials to charities.

The Rhode Island Builders Association (RIBA) created the Builders Helping Heroes initiative as a way to help Rhode Island families of United States soldiers who were either injured or killed in the line of duty since September 11, 2001 with construction assistance. This initiative helps injured soldiers and their families adjust to life after returning home from the front lines of combat. The initiative also helps families of soldiers who were mortally wounded during combat with construction projects.

George Whalen, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Contractors' Registration Board accepted NASCLA's *Community Service in Contracting Award* on behalf of the Rhode Island Builders Association on Friday, August 25, 2006 at NASCLA's 44th Annual Conference Banquet and Installation of Officers in Scottsdale, Arizona.

For more information on NASCLA and the Community Service in Contracting Award, please visit our website at www.nascla.org.